

# ATTACHMENT 5

## Step Therapy Instructions for Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) on the Wisconsin Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) require the use of step therapy. Step therapy requires a recipient to try and fail one or more preferred drugs before obtaining prior authorization (PA) for a non-preferred drug.

Preferred drugs in the NSAID therapeutic class include the following:

- Diclofenac.
- Etodolac.
- Fenoprofen.
- Fluriprofen.
- Ibuprofen.
- Indomethacin.
- Ketoprofen.
- Ketorolac.
- Meclofenamate.
- Nabumetone.
- Naproxen.
- Oxaprozin.
- Piroxicam.
- Sulindac.
- Tolmetin.

Clinical criteria for approval of a non-preferred NSAID include the following:

- The trial and failure of, or an adverse reaction to, a preferred NSAID.
- Risk factors, including:
  - ✓ If the recipient is over 65 years of age.
  - ✓ If the recipient has a history of ulcers or gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding.
  - ✓ If the recipient is currently taking anti-coagulants.
- If the recipient is receiving treatment for a chronic condition.

Prescribers are required to complete and submit to the dispensing provider a Prior Authorization/Preferred Drug List (PA/PDL) for Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) form, HCF 11077 (Dated 12/04), for non-preferred NSAIDs. Prescribers may refer to Attachments 6 and 7 of this *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* for the Prior Authorization/Preferred Drug List (PA/PDL) for Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) Completion Instructions, HCF 11077A (Dated 12/04), and a copy of the PA/PDL for NSAIDs form.